

Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you all doing well. I know that you and your family must be ecstatic for summer break to begin! For those of you who do not know me, I am Amanda Powell, and I will be your child's fourth grade teacher next year. I taught for 7 years right down the road at Oak Grove Elementary before joining the amazing team at RLS 6 years ago. We have had a very fun and fabulous fourth grade year with many exciting field trips, service projects, science experiments, literature circles, and much more. I can't wait to share these experiences with your family too!

We will be reading several novels throughout fourth grade as we study various units in Social Studies, and we do read some books just because they are great entertainment! Over the summer, your child should read the book, *Soft Rain* by Cornelia Cornelissen. We will be starting the year with a themed unit based on this text. I do ask that students purchase the book rather than checking it out from the library as we will be using the text in class for our first major writing unit of the year. Students must read the book prior to the first day of school and be prepared to start the unit.

Students should also be prepared by knowing all multiplication facts, 1-12. I strongly encourage students to practice these very consistently throughout the summer as we will start the school year using them, *not* reviewing them. Quizlet, Sushi Monster, and iXL are fantastic apps/websites to practice. I'm happy to provide access info for iXL if you do not have it.

Attached you will find a list of needed materials for our fourth grade year. We always welcome extra items as we certainly use them throughout the entire year (*especially* glue sticks and cap erasers). I hope that you all have a fun, relaxing, and refreshing summer break. Please feel free to email me anytime at amandapowell@rlscary.org. I look forward to seeing you in a few months!

My Bests,
Amanda Powell

4TH GRADE SUPPLY LIST:

*All supplies should fit in a pencil box except notebooks, folders, and Bible. Students are welcome to bring their supplies to Meet the Teacher.

pencil box	1 red pen	1 highlighter
pencils	1 black pen	1 pair of scissors
8 ct. washable markers	1 blue pen	4 glue sticks
16 ct. or less crayons	erasers	1 recorder for Music

1 of each color college-ruled marble composition notebooks (these composition notebooks hold up much better than the metal spiral bound ones): *red, blue, green, black, and yellow*

1 of each color 2 plastic pocket folders (plastic holds up much better than the paper ones): *red, blue, and yellow*

1 Bible (NIV preferred - I use the *NIV Adventure Bible*)

**Optional classroom donations

- **extra glue sticks (we use a lot), pencils, or cap erasers
- **disinfectant wipes
- **boxes of crayons and markers
- **plastic spoons
- **plastic storage bags of different sizes

***Wishlist items will be on display at Meet the Teacher.

Please email Mrs. Powell anytime if you have any questions regarding the supply list. amandapowell@rlscary.org